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fidence in him, for his sobriety, integrity, moral rectitude and virtuous example we strongly recommend him to your notice. He being, then, the object of our choice, we sincerely hope that no obstacles may be thrown in his way in procuring the needful to enable him to render himself useful to ourselves, and to a numerous people in the discharge of his sacred duties. With the greatest regard, we are, sir,

Your obedient and humble servants,

THOMAS SMITH,
JAMES JONES,
JOEL FOSTER,
ROBERT CAREY,
GEORGE ARMISTEAD,
THOMAS SMITH, JUN.,
THOMAS TABB.

NOTE.—This letter appears to be without date, but Rev. Armistead Smith became minister of the parish in 1794.

QUERIES.

Joseph Lane, of Westmoreland county, married Mary Newton. Was she a daughter of Willoughby and Sarah Eskridge Newton? William Lane, father of Joseph Lane, married Martha Carr. Who was she? According to QUARTERLY, George Eskridge married, secondly, Hannah Ashton. Who were her parents? A family record states that he married, secondly, Elizabeth ——. She left a will, and mentions Elizabeth, her only child. How about this? Katherine Eskridge, daughter of George Eskridge, married (1) William Jett, (2) John Lane. This John Lane had brothers, William Lane and James Hardidge Lane. Who was their father? Who did William Newton Lane, grandson of James Hardidge Lane marry? I think William, one of these brothers, married Miss Carr.—*Mary Selden Kennedy, "Cassilis," near Warrenton, Va.*

Captain Alexander Handley was with Gen. Morgan in the Southern campaign, Revolutionary War, and was captured by the British, and died in 1781. He had two brothers—William and Archibald. Who were the parents of Capt. Alexander Handley?

Who was James Willis, who in 1652 received a land grant in Ball's Neck, Northumberland county?

In the history of the Randolph family, which appears in the *WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY*," I find that Isham, of Dungeness, son of William Randolph, of Turkey Island, had a son William, who married a Miss Little, and moved to Bristol. Nothing is said of their children. My relatives tell me that their issue was as follows: *Nathaniel*, Peyton, Isham, Henry and Miriam, and that *Nathaniel* was my great-great-grandfather. Is this statement correct? I am told that my great-grandfather was a commissary in the Revolution. Is this correct?—*Mrs. W. H. Kistler, 976 South Fifteenth Street, Denver, Col.*

WYATT.—Sally S. Wyatt, wife of William Bibb, of Prince Edward county, Va., and afterwards of Elbert county, Ga., and mother of William Wyatt Bibb, first governor of Alabama (as to whom, see Appleton's *Cyclopædia of National Biography*). In Gilmer's *Georgians* it is stated that "her brother, Joseph Wyatt, represented in the Senate of Virginia, for more than twenty years, a part of Mr. John Randolph's congressional district." My wife is a great-granddaughter of William Wyatt Bibb.—*H. H. Parker, Portland, Oregon.* Joseph Wyatt, of Charlotte county, long a member of the Virginia Assembly, was the son of Joseph Wyatt, of New Kent county, and was born August 24, 1767. He was son of Joseph Wyatt and Dorothy his wife, and had a brother Peyton, born Nov. 15, 1763. Joseph Wyatt was in 1752 executor of John Wyatt, of New Kent. Joseph Wyatt, Sr., may have been a son of Henry Wyatt, who was a son of Richard Wyatt, probably a son of George Wyatt, of Middle Plantation, a nephew of Governor Sir Francis Wyatt. (See *QUARTERLY*, X., p. 61.)

In *QUARTERLY*, Vol. VII., under the caption of "Marriage Bonds in Goochland County," there is a record of the marriage bond of some ancestors of mine, my great-grandparents. The lines read as follows: "Dec. 25, 1779, Wm. Bowman, of Chesterfield, to Mary Cosby, sec. Zach Haden; witness Val. Wood; Joseph Bowman consents to marriage and certifies that William was 21, July 31, 1776." A few years after the marriage this (Dr.) William Bowman and his wife lived in Richmond, and then they moved with the children to Rutherford county, N. C.

I should like to know which family of Cosbys Mary belonged to, and also which family of Bowmans her husband sprang from. There are on record several Joseph Bowmans, who were officers in the Revolutionary War from Virginia, and one from North Carolina. Dr. Bowman and his wife were possessed of considerable means when they emigrated to North Carolina, as they bought land in North Carolina, and had a good many slaves. The tradition in my family is, that Mary Cosby was an orphan, and I take it that this is true, since she had to have no one consent to her marriage as shown by the record above. Perhaps the name of Joseph Bowman (evidently of Chesterfield county, Va.) and Mary Cosby, of Goochland county, may be of the family tree of some one of your readers, and I may hear of it through them.—*Will N. Harben, Care Harper & Bros., Publishers, Franklin Square, New York.*

FROM "VIRGINIA GAZETTE," 1784.

NEW YORK, *Jan. 31, 1784.*—Died, Mr. John Holt, printer to this State, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

RICHMOND, *Jan. 15, 1785.*—On Saturday last was married Bolling Stark to Mrs. Orr, of this city. On Saturday evening, 31st of October, died, Mrs. Sarah Ewell, aged seventeen years, spouse of Major James Ewell, and eldest daughter of Col. Edwin Conway, of Lancaster county, leaving husband and a young daughter.

RICHMOND, *Feb. 5th.*—Tuesday last, departed this life, near the city of Williamsburg, Mr. Samuel Major, printer.

RICHMOND, *April 9th.*—Lately departed this life, in Gloucester county, Thomas Clayton, Esq., in the bloom of youth.

On Saturday last, was married Charles Copland, Esq., to Miss Becky Nicholson, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert Nicholson, of Williamsburg.